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6 IN THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR  
7 THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, AT SEATTLE

8 In re

9 THOMAS D. RAETHER and CHARLOTTE  
10 E. RAETHER, husband and wife,  
11 Debtors.

NO. 02-18406

Chapter 7

MEMORANDUM OPINION ON  
MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

12 The trustee objected to the claim of Washington Cedar and Supply Company, Inc.  
13 Washington Cedar responded, and both parties filed briefs. Toward the end of oral argument, when  
14 the Court was advised that the amount at issue was approximately \$1,000, it summarily overruled the  
15 trustee's objection without articulating its reasons. The trustee has moved for reconsideration.

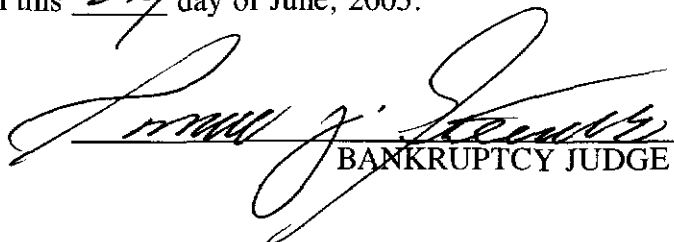
16 The objection was overruled for two reasons.

17 First, the objection made no practical sense. If the trustee were to prevail, the expenses of  
18 administration involved would undoubtedly exceed the amount recovered, resulting in no benefit to the  
19 estate or dividend to creditors.

20 Second, the objection was overruled because the Court will not permit the panel trustees to  
21 turn it into a Small Claims Court, even though the United States Trustee may pressure them into  
22 administering small and/or worthless cases.

23 The motion for reconsideration will be denied.

24 DATED at Seattle, Washington this 29 day of June, 2005.

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27 BANKRUPTCY JUDGE  
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